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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: SA, YS, XF, SO, ET  
SUBJECT: KUWAITI VIEW OF SAUDI-PDRY-SOVIET RELATIONSHIPS

REF: STATE 007205 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL NOTED BRITISH REPORT THAT SAUDIS MAY HAVE  
REVERSED THEIR POLICY AND DECIDED TO IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE  
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO PDRY. REFTEL SPECULATED THAT THIS  
REPORTED SAUDI MOVE MAY BE AN ATTEMPT TO DISSUADE PDRY FROM  
CONCLUDING A FORMAL BASE AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIETS AND  
ENTANGLING ITSELF DEEPER WITH COMMUNIST WORLD.

2. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUERY WHETHER KUWAITIS  
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WERE AWARE OF ANY RECENT CHANGES IN PDRY RELATIONS WITH  
SAUDIS, REGARDING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, OR WITH SOVIETS,  
REGARDING MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, MFA ARAB AFFAIRS IBRAHIM  
MOUSSA OFFICER SAID THAT AS FAR AS GOK KNEW THE SAUDI  
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE "POLICY" CONSISTED ONLY OF PROMISES  
TO THE SOUTH YEMENIS. HE SEEMED TO BE COMPLETELY IN THE  
DARK ABOUT ANY GENERAL SOVIET EFFORTS TO EXPAND USE OF

PDRY PORT OR AIRPORT FACILITIES. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOK HAD ASKED THE PDRY WHETHER IT WAS FACILITATING MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR ETHIOPIA -- THE KUWAITIS STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS -- AND SAID THAT THE PDRY HAD DENIED SUCH FACILITATIONS. HE IMPLIED THAT THE KUWAITIS DID NOT BELIEVE THE DENIAL. EMBOFFF SPECULATED THAT THE IMPORTANCE TO THE SOVIETS OF PDRY PORTS AND AIRPORTS MAY HAVE GROWN RECENTLY DUE TO SOVIET EFFORTS IN ETHIOPIA AND LOSS OF FACILITIES IN SOMALIA, ALLUDING TO SOVIET AIRLIFT OF ARMS TO ADDIS ABABA WHICH REPORTEDLY HAD USED ADEN AIRPORT MFA OFFICER AGREED WITH THIS THESIS AND REPLIED THAT IT WAS HIS PERSONAL BELIEF THAT THE SAUDIS WERE PURSUING A LOST CAUSE IN VIEW OF SOVIET DETERMINATION TO SUPPORT ETHIOPIA AND SOVIET NEED FOR AIR AND/OR SEA BASES NECESSARY TO DO SO.  
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